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FOR SALE—schooners for sale or charter. Apply to J. D. Warren, 38 Government St. de19 1m

FOR SALE—Good profitable grocery business in a good location on a principal street in this city. Enquire at TIMES office, or address Box 550 Victoria P. O. oct27

TO LET.

TO LET—Furnished rooms with partial board; James Bay. Pleasant situation, handsomely furnished, Apply on premises for terms at 16 Young street, James Bay. de22-1w

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TO LET.—The James Island Brick Yard; ample water, excellent shipping facilities, good clay, plenty of wood, cabins for help range for stock and every convenience. To an industrious man this is a good chance. Apply to R. T. WILLIAMS, Broad St. jn19 tf

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

BETWEEN

JOHN CAMERON, Plaintiff,

AND

THADDEUS HARPER, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN Order has been made in the above entitled action, by the Hon. Sir Matthew B. Begbie, C.J., appointing James C. Prevost and Henry S. Mason to be Recievers of all the Estate and Effects of the above named defendant, to take possession of the real estate and recieve and collect the personal estate, and to manage and conduct his business, and to restrain the defendant and all other persons from interfering with them as such Receivers.

JAMES C. PREVOST.
HENRY S. MASON.

Dated, Victoria, Dec. 20 1888. de21

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APplication will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of STREET RAILWAY in the Districts of Esquimalt, Victoria and Lake, connecting with the Street Railway system of the City of Victoria, on the following routes: Victoria to Cadboro' and Oak Bays; Victoria to Esquimalt Town; Victoria to the Royal Oak Hotel in Lake District; Victoria to Craigflower Bridge; Victoria to the Gorge, and from thence by the Craigflower Road back to Victoria; and to such other point or points as may be deemed advisable. The said Street Railway line to run along the usual highways to the forementioned points.

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Agents for the Applicants.

Victoria, Dec. 18 1888. de21

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—ON—

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 28, 1888.

A first-class quadrille band has been engaged. Dancing to commence at 8 sharp. Tickets admitting gentleman and ladies $2.00, to be obtained from any member of the order and H. L. Salmon, corner Yates and Government Sts. Sidney Wilson, at Brown & White's Government street; A. Grissmer, Whittaker's Barber Shop Government street. dec18 d

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OFFICES having all the modern conveniences attached, to let in the Burnes' Block, fronting new Court House. Apply to HEISTERMAN & Co. Real Estate Agents, Bastion Square. no21

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

TO THE TIMES ONLY.

Ogilvie is Heard From—Fast Steamers for the Atlantic Service.

Opium Smuggling—Tupper Required at Ottawa—Blocked with Snow.

Special to THE TIMES.]

London, Ont., Dec. 22—B. Powell, car checker, of Niagara Falls, fell off a train here last night while on the way to Chicago and was instantly killed.

Mattawa, Ont., Dec. 22—The thermometer is at zero. The roads are badly blocked with snow drifts.

Port Hope, Dec. 22—The barns and outbuildings of Wm. Tamblyn, Clarke township, were burned with this year's grain and all his live stock. Loss, $3500; partially insured.

IMMENSE OPIUM RING.

A Five Million Syndicate Controlled by C. J. Joslyn.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Sarnia, Dec. 22—There has been a syndicate of capitalists organized here to cheat the United States Government by smuggling opium into the United States. This quaint village is just now lionizing a brace of daring smugglers, Capt. Harry H. Durant and Chas. Weitz. Durant, two of the most daring smugglers who ever exchanged shots with the custom house officers, and agents of a ring syndicate that was organized several years ago for the express purpose of smuggling opium into the United States from the manufacturers at Victoria, B. C. The syndicate hold five millions behind it and is largely controlled by C. J. Joslyn, of Victoria. A rich San Francisco merchant is said to be prominently identified with the syndicate. The latter was for many years in the employ of the United States government as an interpreter.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Why Sir Charles Will Arrive at the Capital in April.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Ottawa, Dec. 22—H. Hogg, one of the counsels for the Government in the C. P. R. arbitration case received a cable today from Sir Charles Tupper, stating that about the middle of April would suit him best to come to Canada and be examined in respect to the taking over of the contract from Onderdonk. A reply was sent that a date would be fixed at the next meeting of the board on the 27th inst. It is understood that the High Commissioner is anxious to be here for a short time during the sitting of Parliament. The Government will greatly need his advice during the next session.

Mr. Foster has accepted an invitation to attend the Board of Trade dinner in Toronto.

The Cabinet Ministers have been invited to attend a banquet of the Jacques Club on the 8th prox.

QUEBEC NEWS.

Ogilvie Heard from in the North-West Territories—Fast Steamers.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Montreal, Dec. 22—A telegram was received to-day from Surveyor Ogilvie, who has landed at Wiotona, N. W. T. He was detained by ice.

Quebec, Dec. 22—It is announced here on reliable authority from Ottawa that the Federal Government has about completed arrangements with a strong English company for a fast mail service of steamships to be put on which will do the trip from Liverpool to Halifax in six days.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22—J. Harwick, clothier, has skipped to the States leaving numerous creditors behind.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

A Merchants' Week—Two Men Drowned at Digby.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Halifax, Dec. 22—Charles Brown, of Lunenburgh, was arrested here to-day on a charge of bigamy. He has a wife in Lunenburgh and it is alleged that he married a girl named Sharpe in Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The American schooner Flora Dillaway, from the Banks, arrived this morning leaking so badly that pumps had to be kept working constantly. As the water gained headway in the pumps the crew took to baling. She had 3000 pounds of halibut, half of which is sour. Application was made to be allowed to sell the fish here and refused.

Gold has been discovered at Pugwash.

C. W. Knowles, editor of the Windsor *Tribune*, has removed to California for the benefit of his health.

Some Halifax merchants have organized "a merchants' week," and have made efforts to induce traders to visit Halifax to make purchases between the 21st and 28th inst., on which dates the Intercolonial Railway will issue return tickets, but no arrangements have been made with other lines. The managers of the scheme, however, have taken no steps to advertise it, which should have been the first thing done to insure success.

Robert Adams and George Smith, of Broad Cove, Digby, were drowned while fishing.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Public School Examinations—Katie Putnam—Marine News.

From our own Correspondent.]

Vancouver, Dec. 21—Many loggers are coming in to spend their Christmas. Large supplies are being sent out to those who have remained behind.

The temperance organizations of this city have united for the purpose of tendering a free reception in the Fire Hall on New Year's Day.

The half-yearly examinations of the public schools of this city began yesterday and are going on to-day.

Katie Putnam played to a full house and delighted audience on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a fruit grower's association for this province will be held in the Board of Trade rooms here on February 1st, '89.

A reception was tendered the Rev. H. P. Hobson, pastor of the West End Episcopal Church last evening in the Durham block.

The steamer Pearse which was partially wrecked on the sand banks at the mouth of the Fraser over a year ago, has been refitted and only awaits the arrival of her boiler which is coming from Toronto to complete her for the run between here and the North Arm.

Capt. Glabolm, of the steamer Sir James Douglas, passed through this city yesterday on his way to Victoria.

Miss K. Tod, teacher, of Victoria, was in the city to-day on a holiday trip to her friends up the line.

The tug Muriel arrived here yesterday morning with seventeen passengers, loggers from the northern camps, who being anxious to reach the city gave the captain $140 as an inducement to tie up his boom of logs at Thunder Bay, where he was compelled to seek shelter, and run to town which he did, and returned for the boom yesterday.

P. O'Brien, J. Nankerville and B. Godin, three jail birds who have lately been set at liberty, were sentenced to a fine of $100 or 6 months imprisonment for vagrancy. They were an evil looking lot and the magistrate acted wisely in caging them again.

POLICE COURT.

(Before City Police Magistrate Richards, Q. C.)

R. B. McMicking was charged with infracting the Building by-law. Mr. E. V. Bodwell appeared for the defence and said the summons should be made out against the Electric Illuminating Company. Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the prosecution. The case was remanded until Wednesday next.

Two hackmen were charged with fighting on the street. One case was disposed of by a fine of $5; the other was laid over until Monday.

Frank Edwards, Edward Mack and William Ward were charged by officer Levin with stealing a brooch, two penknives and a hairpin brosch from the store of David Spencer.

Mr. Mason, of Eberts & Taylor's office, for the defense. The prisoners pleaded "not guilty" and said they did not think it necessary to engage counsel. They asked to be tried separately.

Supt. Sheppard said the three men were seen in the store together; they also claimed the articles stolen.

Edwards said the man Mack was met by them on the steamer and was not in their company until the night before their arrest.

Officer Lavin said that in company with Sergt. Walker, Officer Thomas and the three prisoners, he went to the Colonial Hotel on Johnson street. In room No. 11 found valise produced; opened the valise; in the valise found a thimble ornament, two brooches and two pocket knives; took the articles to Mr. Spencer's store; the property was identified by Mr. Spencer and two of his assistants; asked a number of times who owned the valise; prisoners said, "it is ours."

His Honor said from what had been brought to light the men are professional thieves and should be sent for trial. They should be given a term in the penitentiary.

Mack struck the dock with his fist at this stage of the proceedings and in an excitable way said: "I want justice and will have it. I was bulldozed yesterday and will not be bulldozed again. I am no thief, and because I am in company with these men I am considered a thief."

His Honor said the men should be indicted if they are guilty of other offences.

Mr. Mason said it was a hardship on one of the prisoners, who was really not guilty of any offence.

It was decided by the Court to hear evidence and if there was enough proof to send the prisoners for trial.

Officer Lavin continued: Amongst the things found in the valise were three loaded pistols; an opium outfit was found on the bed when we arrested them. Mack was lying on a bed and smoking opium when arrested.

To Mr. Mason—I saw Mack putting things into the valise; if he owned anything in the room he could put it in the valise for safe-keeping.

Officer Thomas—With the other officers arrested prisoners; saw prisoners putting things in the valise; saw Mack go to the valise; cannot say whether he put anything in the valise; cannot swear that Mack said he owned any of the property; told the night clerk in the hotel to lock the room up and to allow no one in; he did so.

To Mr. Mason—Cannot say whether a bank-book was amongst the property belonging to Mack.

Miss Violet Tite—Saw the three prisoners in David Spencer's store last Wednesday afternoon; they were at the fancy goods department; they asked for silk handkerchiefs; Mr. Spencer was waiting on them; witness was called by Mr. Spencer to show prisoners some handkerchiefs; Miss Edwards said to witness: "I do not like the looks of these men, they look like hard cases." Saw one of the prisoners leaning on the show case; Mack wanted to buy the handkerchiefs; on top of the case were various ornaments like the articles produced; the hair-pin ornaments were taken from a box which witness produced; the men were in the store for about half an hour and bought nothing; did not miss anything; the articles produced are Mr. Spencer's property.

To His Honor—There is no watchman in the store; missed the goods last evening.

To Mr. Mason—Identified the prisoners yesterday; the articles produced were taken from D. Spencer's store; the articles are valued at $4.

Robert Walker, night bar-tender of the Colonial Hotel, stated—One of the police officers asked witness to lock the door and keep the room shut up; was told to allow no one in the room; the window is too high for anyone to reach it without a ladder; a person can pass from one window to another. Prisoners took a room at the hotel on Wednesday night.

David Spencer, proprietor of Spencer's Arcade, said he saw prisoners on Wednesday last; they asked for silk handkerchiefs; called Miss Tite to wait on them; they purchased nothing; the cost and selling marks are on the articles produced; value the articles at $3.75. They were not sold to prisoners. Officer Levin brought the articles to the store for identification.

To Mr. Mason—I did not watch prisoners; the articles produced were not purchased by prisoners; Miss Tite could not see prisoners taking the articles from the place where she was showing handkerchiefs to Mack; cannot swear positively that the men in the dock are the men that were in the store; witness is not very good at recognizing people.

Prisoners were committed for trial.

Black Dress Materials a Specialty.

Ladies who wear Black from choice will always find the most varied selection at the CITY HOUSE.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

Parnell's Signature Wanted—A Treaty Between Russia and Japan.

England No Longer a Sword-making Country—The Haytian Rebels Win.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22—Perez Cavaller, late secretary of the Spanish legation at Yokohama, is here on his way to Washington. He says when he left Japan it was currently reported in diplomatic circles that a secret treaty had been concluded between Russia and Japan against England for the reason that Russia feared, in event of war with England that the Japanese would favor the latter country.

A PETARD EXPLODED.

Madrid, Dec. 22—A petard was exploded to-day at the door of Senor Canavas, Conservative leader of the house. Little damage was done, although the inmates were much alarmed. No arrests.

WANT PARNELL'S SIGNATURE.

London, Dec. 22—In the House of Commons to-day, Henry Kauber, Conservative member for Wardsworth, moved that the clerk of the house attend the sitting of the Parnell commission and produce the members roll book which contains Parnell's signature. Thomas Sexton, Nationalist, protested against the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 54 to 113.

BAYONET MAKING.

The firm of Williamson & Son, gunmakers, informed the Government to-day that they were unable to make bayonets in England, owing to their inability to secure skilled workmen. They do not intend to complete their new factory, the erection of which was being rapidly pushed forward. They say that Germany is now the sword-making country of the world. The officials of the war office regard the explanation of the firm as reasonable.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

New York, Dec. 22—The steamer Adirondac from Kingston, brings news of a battle in which the insurgent Chief Hippoyte was victorious. He is reported to have captured the town of Miralbela, 28 miles from Port au Prince, the stronghold of the regime, after a two hours siege.

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THEM.

Washington, Dec. 22—Secretary Bayard has informed Dr. Auguste, General Hippolyte's ambassador, that the United States cannot officially recognize any faction in Hayti, but will wait until the people declare for one or the other of the parties as the legal government.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN RAILWAY.

St. Petersburgh, Dec. 21—The industrial and commercial co-operative society, of which General Ignatieff is President, has appealed to the government to begin immediately the construction of a railway from Petrovsk to Vladikavkas, in order to prevent the exclusion of Russian merchandise from the Persian markets. The society estimates the cost of such a railway at 35,000,000 roubles, and the time necessary for completion at two years.

THE PARNELL LETTERS.

London, Dec. 21—When the Parnell commission reassembles, the genuineness of the alleged Parnell letters will be tested, and the question of the attempt of the *Times* to use the signature of the Irish leader appended to the rolls of the House of Commons, for the purpose of comparison, will be thoroughly discussed, and the propriety of the act decided upon.

BRAVE SOLDIERS.

London, Dec. 21—Prominent among the many detailed incidents of the fighting at Suakim is the conduct of Ali Knoor, an immense black, who used his bayonet with such vehemence that six inches of the point of the weapon was broken off, and the barrel of the Enfield rifle, to which it was attached, was bent. It is estimated that he killed twenty Arabs. Upwards of 100 of the Enfield rifles used by the black troops were bent, twisted or broken. Osman Digma's nephew, who made his name famous among the Arabs by his prowess, was finally taken prisoner, is dead.

A FIEND'S WORK.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 20—An attempt was made last night to burn Prospect Park House. An examination disclosed a bag filled with papers, shavings and other inflammable material saturated with gasoline. In another part of the hotel, similarly prepared, was a barrel. It was evidently intended to set fire to this mass of stuff at a favorable opportunity. The hotel was so situated that had a fire started a most disastrous conflagration and heavy loss of life would have been the result.

HUSBAND AND WIFE MURDERED.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 21—Chas. Kutz, a prosperous, and his wife were murdered yesterday. Kutz sold a lot of cotton the day before and it is believed he was murdered for his money. No clew.

DYNAMITERS IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 21—An attempt was made to blow up the office of the commissary police with a dynamite bomb to-day. Nobody was injured.

PASSED A QUIET NIGHT.

Suakim, Dec. 21—The British forces passed a quiet night. A few hostile horsemen were seen in the distance.

COULD NOT REDEEM IT.

Washington, Dec. 21—The Treasury Department were greatly mystified over the appearance there yesterday of a $20 national bank bill to be redeemed, and which had been redeemed once before and bore the cancellation mark. It was supposed the bill had been destroyed long ago. The treasury officials refused to redeem the bill a second time and outsiders will bear the loss. The question which now arises is whether any more such bills have escaped after being cancelled.

NEW WESTMINSTER NEWS.

The Westminster Southern Railway—High School Examination.

Special to THE TIMES.]

New Westminster, Dec. 22—The committee appointed at a public meeting on Thursday night to canvass the ratepayers for signatures to a bond, guaranteeing payment of a bonus to the Westminster Southern Railway Company, have succeeded in getting a sufficient number of signatures to the bond, thus securing the immediate construction of said railway.

The closing examination of the New Westminster High School took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large number of visitors.

THE CROSSING CASE.

Decision in Favor of Manitoba—A Provincial Rights Victory.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Ottawa, Dec. 22—In the Supreme Court to-day, all the judges being present, a decision was given unanimously in favor of Manitoba in the crossings case. The court decided that the Railway Commissioner under the provincial statute had a right to cross the Canadian Pacific, thus upsetting the contention of the company. This is another victory for provincial rights. Ex-Judge Clark, the Canadian Pacific solicitor, says they will take the case to the Privy Council in England.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

A construction train on the Arizona & Southeastern Railroad jumped the track twenty miles from Tombstone last night. One man was killed and several others seriously injured.

John Bright's condition is still unchanged.

Albert B. Lickerson and John Selford, who attempted the robbery of a train on the Homestake Railroad, Dakota, have been sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Secretary Davies, of the State Board of Trade of California, has received a letter that a large party of Englishmen will leave Liverpool in January next on their way to settle in California.

PROMISE OF RICH REWARD.

Work Commenced on the Gordon Hydraulic Mine.

The Gordon Hydraulic Mining Company, at Leach river, completed their works and piping was commenced on Wednesday last. After about six hours washing gold could be seen in the sluices and one piece was picked out worth $1.50. If the prospects so far obtained may be taken as a criterion the mine will yield handsomely, and prove a veritable bonanza to its owners. A clean up will be made in a few days, and big results may be expected. The bench now being worked is about 75 feet above the present bed of the river, and is supposed to have been the old channel; it is situated nearly opposite Martin's Gulch, a tributary of Leach river, out of which a large quantity of gold was taken in the days of the excitement. The water is brought on to the ground by means of a flume, ditch and iron pipes leading from a dam built across the river about a mile and a quarter above the point of delivery. It then discharges into a large tank from whence it is taken across the river in iron pipes suspended on a double wire cable. The pipes are 9 inches in diameter with a head of 75 feet, and the volume of water and force thus obtained is sufficient for all purposes, and can be increased if required. The work is of a substantial character throughout, and it is pleasing to hear that the company have already obtained excellent indications of a rich reward for their enterprise. If the Gordon mine should turn out a success, it will be a boon to this city, as a large field will be available for similar enterprises within 25 miles of the city. Mr. W. G. Stevenson, the enterprising manager of the company, deserves praise for his energy and unremitting zeal in pushing on the work to completion within so short a space of time from its commencement.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of Movements of Well Known Persons.

Miss Mary H. Crockford, who will shortly leave for England, was presented with an address and lady's companion by the high school girls yesterday afternoon.

Dr Hall, brother of the late John L Hall, arrived from the mainland last night.

F A Pauline, J M Spinks and J McColl were passengers from Vancouver on last night's steamer.

Capt D Urquhart arrived on the steamer Princess Louise last night.

C Rattray, of the Dominion Express office, was a passenger from the mainland on last night's steamer.

W L Cusack and J M Atkinson arrived from Vancouver last evening on the steamer Princess Louise.

A Todd returned from New Westminster last evening on the steamer Yosemite.

Hon H P P Crease and Mrs Crease arrived last night from Vancouver.

C E Perry, C E, and H P Bell, C E, were passengers from New Westminster on yesterday's steamer.

J R Anderson is ill.

W J Macauley left for Chemainus on this morning's train.

Hon Thos Burke will be the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory.

E B Muffly, travelling freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Railway in the Puget Sound district is paying the city a visit.

J P Walls, who returned from Tacoma this morning, reports things booming in that rising city with the mud so deep on the main streets that signs have been erected, "Take Warning! No Bottom!" Needless to say that although business is lively traffic is almost at a standstill. A large number of substantial business blocks are in course of erection, which would be a credit to the Golden Gate city.

Miss Gardiner, principal of the Nanaimo girls' school, arrived in this city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr Gibbons, of the *Colonist*, is confined to his room with hemmorage of the lungs.

Geo Jones, of the McPherson's station hotel, came down on to-day's train.

Willis Brown, advance agent of the Great Heine, the mysterious and marvelous violinist of the ninthecth century, arrived in this city to-day. He will appear at the Victoria Theatre on the 4th and 5th January next.

W H Dorman, assistant inspector of postoffices, was a passenger for San Francisco on the steamer Walla Walla.

T Gregg and Miss Gregg were passengers for San Francisco on the steamer Walla Walla.

Mr Trounce and bride left San Francisco on Monday last on the steamer Mariposa for Melbourne, Australia.

Christmas Services.

There will be a special Christmas service for young men at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be several short addresses, and special Christmas music under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown.

Passengers Arriving.

Per stmr Yosemite, from New Westminster—Mrs Robson, Wm Gardiner, P Swift, Dr Hall, D B Hall, Walker, J Leidiaw, G Reily, A Burns, H Swanson, J H Todd, Wilson, Deveranz, H P Bell, Wylde, C E Perry, M J Henley, Smith, P Swanson, Monroe.

Per Str. Princess Louise from Vancouver—C L Ferguson, L Geesy, F E Jones, F A Pauline, J M Spinks, A Weiss, S Thompson, E Evans, Mrs Wright, R G M Donald, Capt D Urquhart, J McColl, J Porter, R Logan, W Webster, J Waddy, R McIntyre, E M Boyill, Mrs Funge, Master Funge, J W Berkley, F Sinard, F Marshall, J Paul, W Monteith, C Rattray, sr, H Murray, J Dougall, W L Cusack, J M Atkinson, L H McQuade, P Gray, Joe Jacomey, H Ragor, Mrs Landrige, J G Wood, L Gibbs, E L Forrest, E J Thain, C Rattray, jr, A Jackson, J McKay, H J Kobler, Miss Robertson, F McCloskey, W J Thomas, Wm McIntosh, Miss C McIntosh, Miss J W Huffman, A Hoffman, A Deamers, R Schrult B Ellesfore, H C McCauley, Mrs J McKay, L W Hannaberry, S R Robertson, sr, A Hartman, C A Severson, Miss McIntosh, A N Knapp, Mrs Hoffman, Josie Hoffman, Miss Deamers, B Dean, R Stargland, Miss Merrieman, S R Robertson, jr, Mrs Robertson, W B Harvey, D McIntosh, A McIntosh, W Edmonds, Celia Hoffman, Key Shorts, Master Deamers, J Ellesfor, A Ginate, Hendrickson, Justice Crease, Miss Daloy, J Fleming, Mrs Crease, Mrs Burkst, W Baymur, Mr E Hinds, Miss Burkst, W Robinson, W Nelbay, Master Burkst, Annie Cook, Jno J Cook, Amelia Cook, Eliza Cook, Simeon Cook, J Reinsbeck, H Reinsbeck, James Abrams, Thos Levon.

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WITHHOLDING BLUE BOOKS.

The Colonist on Wednesday condemned the officials at Ottawa for the unaccountable delay that has taken place in getting out the blue books for the year 1887-8. Until recently, our contemporary says, the reports were published some time before the meeting of the house, and their early publication would still "be of considerable use to many in the community. Members of parliament," the local government organ goes on to say, "if they had access to the blue books before the session opened would, if they were zealous and intelligent, have some idea of what was done last year and what would be required next. * * * This holding back of the blue books is evidence, we fear, both of laziness and incapacity in the departmental offices." We are completely in accord with our contemporary on this question. If members of the Dominion parliament and the several provincial legislatures were in possession of the principal returns and reports before assembling to discuss the business of the country, they would be able to read, mark and inwardly digest the important information therein contained, and they would thus be in a position to discuss and vote upon the measures submitted for their approval with a knowledge of public affairs which they do not under the present system possess. But what is sauce for the Ottawa goose ought to be sauce for the Victoria gander, although our contemporary has not always thought so. In the British Columbia Legislature on the 19th of April last, Mr. Orr moved, seconded by Mr. Semlin, "that this house consider that a classified quarterly statement of the revenue and expenditure of the province should be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and that the public accounts for the fiscal year should be forwarded to the members of the Legislative Assembly as soon as printed and prior to the annual session of the legislature." This motion was voted down by the following gentlemen: Mason, Robson, Davie T., Vernon, Allen, John, Duck, Dunsmuir, Turner, Martin, Thomson and Anderson. The members of the opposition only, to the number of seven, voted in its favor. We repeat, in the language of our contemporary, that this holding back of the blue books is evidence of laziness and incapacity, and we trust the opposition will have the support of the government organ when they again attempt to procure the information in season which that paper says is so essential to an intelligent discharge of legislative duties.

WHAT THE TARIFF IS DOING.

Any one who has recently travelled through the eastern provinces cannot but have noticed the depressed condition of the farming community. The question has been asked time and again, what is the cause? Various answers have been given which on investigation have failed to give the real cause. As long as the present system of high duties is continued so long will the farming community suffer, and so long will farming property continue to depreciate in value. Why is it to-day that you can buy a farm for about one-third less money than could be done eight or ten years ago. Some maintain that this is due to the opening up of the Northwest; but this will be found to be an error when the increase of population, by immigration and natural causes, is considered. Ontario has increased in population during the period referred to, so that argument is not tenable. Nor can it be said that the production of a large quantity of wheat in the Northwest governs the market and tends to reduce the price of this commodity in Ontario. This is disproved by the fact that during last season a larger amount of wheat has been raised in the Northwest and the price has been much higher than in former years. Other reasons must be looked for and we believe that one can be found in the present high tariff. The farmer on the one hand has been paying largely to support infant industries all over the country, when buying the necessaries required, and at the same time has to encounter the opposition of other countries. The effect of such a policy is now manifest to the farmers of the eastern provinces. In this province farmers are not so numerous, but the restrictionist tariff is as obnoxious to them as to the farmers of Ontario. Here all classes of the community suffer more or less from the high tariff, from the fact that for many of our supplies we are dependent on our neighbors. We feel that in this province we are already too highly taxed, and that we pay far more into the treasury of the Dominion than we get in return, either in actual value by protection to industries or in public improvements. In a recent issue, the Toronto Mail referring to the subject, says: "In old times the rulers of men deemed it a wise thing to keep the farmer poor, for, they argued, poverty compelled him to work all the harder. Nowadays we know better than that. It cannot be doubted that the dull times which have prevailed since 1885 are due in the main to the unsatisfactory state of agriculture; and it is equally certain that any measure calculated to still further harass or impoverish that industry would, from the nature of things, have the effect of deepening and prolonging the commercial depression through which we are passing. All this is mere commonplace, yet it is necessary to din it into the ears of the Fosters and Bowells, because, in their eagerness to protect manufacturers, they have come to look on the interests of agriculture as of secondary importance. Again, it is a question whether the imposition of fresh N. P. burdens would be wise from a political point of view. It might perhaps suit the purpose of the Conservative party for a while. The new monopolies called into existence would throw their influence on the Government side, and contribute to its election funds. 'It is the maxim of every prudent master of a family,' wrote Adam Smith, 'never to attempt to make at home what it will cost him more to make than to buy.' We have departed from that sound principle, and what have we got by it? We are manufacturing a good many articles which we used to import, and every new industry is, of course, hailed by the restrictionists as fresh evidence of the wisdom of their policy. They take no account of the circumstances that our population has to pay exorbitant prices for the goods produced by the hot-house process; that our foreign trade which keeps life in the most important of our industries is diminished by the imposition of every new protective tax designed to call an exotic industry into being; that in the end these exotic industries themselves, owing to the limited area of our home market, are apt to become mere sink-holes for the absorption of capital and energy."

COMOX LANDS.

It will be remembered that the so-called libellous article for which Mr. Dunsmuir entered an action against The Times and obtained $500 damages, had reference to the settlement of the railway company's lands in Comox. We stated among other things that the company was demanding from the settlers $3 per acre for its land, which was denied by Mr. Dunsmuir in the witness box. We published an accurate report of the trial, which has been generally read in the district more immediately concerned. The evidence of the prosecutor at the trial of the libel suit, we have since learned, created considerable astonishment among the people of Comox, who hitherto believed that the statement of The Times in regard to price was in accordance with the facts. Whether rightly or wrongly they understood that settlers would be required to pay $3 per acre, and from the additional information now to hand it must be confessed they had some reason for holding the opinion. A correspondent has sent us some new facts, which might have had an important bearing on the case if brought out in evidence at the trial. It now appears that at the date referred to in the following letter, and at the present time for anything we know to the contrary, that all the land comprised within a distance of ten miles from the Union coal mine was reserved from sale! Let the following copy of a letter speak for itself:

Land Department, Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co.

Victoria, B. C., June, 25th, 1888.

E. N. Thomas, Esq., Comox:

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., inquiring the price of land and conditions on which it can be purchased from the E. & N. Ry. Co. These are briefly as follows: Price of land, $3.00 per acre, in tracks of 80 and 160 acres and upwards, 80 acre lots to be 20 by 40 chains, and 160 acre lots to be 40 by 40, or 20 by 80 chains, the boundary lines of same to be run true North and South, and true east and west, survey to be made when directed by the company at the expense of purchaser, one-third of purchase money to be paid on application for land, the balance on completion and acceptance of survey and execution of conveyance of title. No obligation to reside on and cultivate land. All land comprised within a distance of ten miles from the Union coal mine is for the present reserved from sale. Outside this limit any land in the railway belt can be purchased on the terms above stated. I am, yours truly,

John Truch.

This reserve practically excluded settlers from Comox, as it is doubtful if Comox proper (we do not mean the electoral district of Comox) extends ten miles from the Union mine in any direction. The person to whom the above letter was addressed was an intending settler, although we cannot say upon what terms he proposed to purchase the land he wanted. As he is a laboring man it is altogether unlikely that he was applying for land for speculative purposes. Mr. Thomas does not reside in South Africa, India or Timbuctoo, but is still in Comox and anxious to become a permanent citizen of British Columbia if the price of the land and the prohibitive reservations do not have the effect of a notice to quit and compel him to leave a country that apparently has no place for him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Chicago Herald erroneously claims that the Santa Fe road has the longest continuous sleeping car service in the world—2,311 miles. The Canadian Pacific discounts this by nearly 700 miles.

Christmas in three days. And looking out over the world in which the strong oppress the weak and rich grind the poor and filch $10 from the poor widow for a ton of coal, the weary watchman will not see the bright promise of "peace on earth and good will among men," lighting the joyous dawn of Christmas.

To-day's decision in the Supreme Court of Canada gives still another victory to the Hon. Oliver Mowat in constitutional law. His great political opponent, Sir John, is claimed by his friends to be supreme in politics. Oliver Mowat is more. He is supreme in politics so far as Ontario is concerned, and in law there is none his title to dispute.

Our morning contemporary finds the highest degree of pleasure in the fact that The Times was mulcted for heavy damages in the Dunsmuir libel case. It would perhaps be too much to expect anything like charity from such a source, but one would have thought that the editors who had recently pleaded guilty before they entered court, and possibly escaped the convict's stripes by an apology and payment of costs, would have been a little more careful what they allowed their employees to insert in the paper.

The Montreal Herald has won a suit against the Northern Insurance Company for $3000. When the Herald was burned out some months ago, all the other companies with which it was insured paid up their losses promptly, but the Northern refused to pay, sheltering itself behind the plea that the policy expired at 12 o'clock noon on the date to which the insurance extended. The attempt to escape responsibility by a quibble is scarcely dignified on the part of a large insurance company.

The recent presidential election exhibits a condition of affairs in the State of Nevada which, added to the many things already known about that "rotten borough," may well give rise to reflection. In the presidential election of 1880 Nevada polled 18,343 votes; in 1884, 12,771, and in 1888, 12,237, showing a decrease of about one-third in its voting population, the bulk of which was lost between 1880 and 1884. Nevada never had and does not possess now any of the requisites for Statehood.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Cable and American Dispatches—Interesting Items.

New York, Dec. 21—At a meeting today of railroad presidents and bankers, who represent the leading financial institutions of this country and Europe, a plan was formed for an association intended to protect railroad security holders here and abroad. It contemplates notifying the railroad officials in all cases where the management is unsatisfactory and the officials responsible for such administration will be requested to resign. This action grows out of the general rate war.

A COWARD AND A LIAR.

London, Dec. 21—The house being in committee on the appropriation bill, Sir Jno. E. Gorst in the chair, Doctor Tanner, M. P. for Middle Cork, opposed the grant of £300 to Mr. Seagrave, an Irish resident magistrate. The chairman ruled the amendment of Dr. Tanner out of order. Dr. Tanner protested against the ruling and said: "When we are in committee appropriating money for a swindler and a thief and a servant for the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Balfour ought to be here and not be such a coward as he is. Sir John E. Gorst ordered Dr. Tanner to take his seat and to withdraw the epithet. Dr. Tanner said, "I call him both a coward and a liar." Mr. Goschen moved that Dr. Tanner be suspended. The motion was agreed to, and the doctor left the house.

THE WHITECHAPEL MURDER.

London, Dec. 21—The scene of the latest East End murder is two miles further east than that of the tragedies known as the Whitechapel murders, and the killing is not now believed to have been the work of the perpetrator of the previous crimes. The strangling was done with surprising skill, but the cord with which it was done was not found on the body on its arrival at the hospital, as previously reported, thus weakening the certainty that the method surmised was really employed.

HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

London, Dec. 21—The Honorable Artillery Company has resolved to send a committee to War Secretary Stanhope to hear what he has to say about the summary manner in which they have been dealt with, and to report back to the organization. Col. Borton, late adjutant of the company, who is the direct cause of most of the trouble leading up to the disorganization of the company, was recently divorced from his wife in Canada, and has a libel suit growing out of that action pending against an officer named McKenzie.

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To Robert Ward, Esq., Victoria B. C.:

Sir,—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, beg to request that you will allow your name to be placed in nomination for the position of Mayor of the city of Victoria for the year 1889. The zeal you showed in a former council, in which you served for the interests of the city, and the ability you have displayed in the prominent position you now occupy as President of the Board of Trade, besides your own large interests in the city, lead us to hope that you will be disposed to take a leading part in the several important matters which will, we trust, be undertaken by the incoming council.

Should you accede to this request, we shall give you our hearty support.

Victoria, B. C., 11 December, 1888.

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To the Ratepayers whose signatures are attached to the above:

Gentlemen,—Replying to the above requisition, I have to thank you for the proffered honor of your support and influence to secure my election, as Mayor for the ensuing year.

I fully realize the important functions devolving upon that office, and if I can be of service in helping forward the good government of the city, I accept your nomination. Should it be the pleasure of the ratepayers to elect me, I can assure them that my best efforts shall be devoted to guarding their interests and in promoting generally the advancement of the city.

I shall doubtless be afforded an opportunity prior to the date of election, of publicly expressing my views on the various urgent matters which demand the attention of the incoming Council.

I have the honor to be
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FOR COUNCILLOR.

To the Electors of Johnson Street Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—Having been solicited by a large number of electors to become a candidate for the position of councillor in Johnson street Ward, I have consented, and respectfully ask your votes and influence. You are already familiar with my record in the Council of 1886, and also as a business man. If elected I will, as in the past, act according to the best of my judgment to advance the interests of Victoria.

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SERMON PREACHED BY REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE ON DEC. 9.

An Intensely Interesting Discourse Which Will Appeal to Every True Christian Heart—The Hope of Immortality Beyond the Grave.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 9.—The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., preached today on "Our Departed Still Living." His text was Genesis xlv, 27, 28: "And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive." Dr. Talmage said:

The Egyptian capital was the focus of the world's wealth. In ships and barges, there had been brought to it from India frankincense, and cinnamon, and ivory, and diamonds; from the north, marble and iron; from Syria, purple and silk; from Greece, some of the finest horses of the world, and some of the most brilliant chariots; and from all the earth that which could best please the eye, and charm the ear, and gratify the taste. There were temples aflame with red sandstone, entered by gateways that were guarded by pillars bewildering with hieroglyphics, and wound with brazen serpents, and adorned with winged creatures—their eyes, and beaks, and pinions glittering with precious stones. There were marble columns blooming into white flower buds; there were stone pillars, at the top bursting into the shape of the lotus when in full bloom. Along the avenues, lined with sphinx, and fane, and obelisk, there were princes who came in gorgeously upholstered palanquin, carried by servants in scarlet, or elsewhere drawn by vehicles, the snow white horses, golden bitted, and six abreast, dashing at full run. There were fountains from stone wreathed vases climbing the ladders of the light. You would hear a bolt shove, and a door of brass would open like a flash of the sun. The surrounding gardens were saturated with odors that mounted the terrace, and dripped from the arbors, and burned their incense in the Egyptian noon. On floors of mosaic the glories of Pharaoh were spelled out in letters of porphyry, and beryl, and flame. There were ornaments twisted from the wood of the tamarisk, embossed with silver breaking into foam. There were footstools made out a single precious stone. There were beds fashioned out of a crouched lion in bronze. There were chairs spotted with the sleek hide of leopards. There were sofas footed with the claws of wild beasts, and armed with the beaks of birds. As you stand on the level beach of the sea on a summer day, and look either way, and there are miles of breakers, white with the ocean foam, dashing shoreward; so it seemed as if the sea of the world's pomp and wealth in the Egyptian capital for miles and miles flung itself up into white breakers of marble temple, mausoleum and obelisk.

WHAT A CONTRAST!

This was the place where Joseph, the shepherd boy, was called to stand next to Pharaoh in honor. What a contrast between this scene and his humble starting, and the pit into which his brothers threw him! Yet he was not forgetful of his early home; he was not ashamed of where he came from. The bishop of Mentz, descended from a wheelwright, covered his house with spokes, and hammers, and wheels; and the king of Sicily, in honor of his father, who was a potter, refused to drink out of anything but an earthen vessel. So Joseph was not ashamed of his early surroundings, or of his old time father, or of his brothers. When they came up from the famine stricken land to get corn from the king's corn crib, Joseph, instead of chiding them for the way they had maltreated and abused him, sent them back with wagons, which Pharaoh furnished, laden with corn; and old Jacob, the father, in the very same wagons, was brought back, that Joseph, the son, might see him, and give him a comfortable home all the rest of his days.

Well, I hear the wagons, the king's wagons, rumbling down in front of the palace. On the outside of the palace, to see the wagons go off, stands Pharaoh in royal robes; and beside him Prime Minister Joseph, with a chain of gold around his neck, and on his hand a ring given by Pharaoh to him, so that any time he wanted to stamp the royal seal upon a document he could do so. Wagon after wagon rolls on down from the palace, laden with corn, and meat, and changes of raiment, and everything that could help a famine struck people. One day I see aged Jacob seated in front of his house. He is possibly thinking of his absent boys (sons, however old they get, are never to a father any more than boys); and while he is seated there, he sees dust arising, and he hears wagons rumbling, and he wonders what is coming now, for the whole land had been smitten with the famine, and was in silence. But after a while the wagons have come near enough, and he sees his sons on the wagons, and before they come quite up, they shout: "Joseph is yet alive!" The old man faints dead away. I do not wonder at it. The boys tell the story how that the boy, the long absent Joseph, has got to be the first man in the Egyptian palace. While they unload the wagons, the wan and wasted creatures in the neighborhood come up and ask for a handful of corn, and they are satisfied.

JACOB GOING ON HIS JOURNEY.

One day the wagons are brought up, for Jacob, the old father, is about to go to see Joseph in the Egyptian palace. You know it is not a very easy thing to transplant an old tree, and Jacob has hard work to get away from the place where he has lived so long. He bids good-by to the old place, and leaves his blessing with the neighbors, and then his sons steady him, while he, determined to help himself, gets into the wagon, stiff, old and decrepit. Yonder they go, Jacob and his sons, and their wives, and their children, eighty-two in all, followed by herds and flocks, which the herdsmen drive along. They are going out from famine to luxuriance; they are going from a plain country home to the finest palace under the sun. Joseph, the prime minister, gets in his chariot, and drives down to meet the old man. Joseph's charioteer holds up the horses on the one side—the dust covered wagons of the emigrants stop on the other. Joseph, instead of waiting for his father to come, leaps out of the chariot and jumps into the emigrants' wagon, throws his arms around the old man, and weeps aloud for past memories and present joy. The father, Jacob, can hardly think it is his boy. Why, the smooth brow of childhood has become a wrinkled brow, wrinkled with the cares of state, and the garb of the shepherd boy has become a robe royally bedizened! But as the old man finds out it is actually Joseph, I see the thin lip quiver against the toothless gum as he cries out: "Now let me die, since I have seen thy face; behold Joseph is yet alive!" The wagons roll up in front of the palace. Help out the grandchildren and take them in out of the hot Egyptian sun. Help old Jacob out of the wagon. Send word to Pharaoh that the old shepherd has come. In the royal apartment Pharaoh and Jacob meet—dignity and rusticity—the gracefulness of the court and the plain manners of the field. The king, wanting to make the old countryman at ease, and seeing how white his beard is, and how feeble his step, looks familiarly into his face, and says to the aged man: "How old art thou?" Give the old man a seat. Unload the wagons; drive out the cattle toward the pastures of Goshen. Let the slaves in scarlet kneel and wash the feet of the newly arrived, wiping them on the finest linen of the palace. From vases of perfume let the newly arrived be sprinkled and refreshed; let minstrels come in with sandals of crimson, and thrum the harps, and clap the cymbals, and jingle the tambourines, while we sit down, at this great distance of time and space, and learn the lesson of the king's wagons.

My friends, we are in a world by sin famine struck; but the King is in constant communication with us, his wagons coming and going perpetually; and in the rest of my discourse I will show you what the wagons bring and what they take back.

In the first place, like those that came from the Egyptian palace, the King's wagons now bring us corn and meat, and many changes of raiment. We are apt to think of the fields and the orchards as feeding us; but who makes the flax grow for the linen, and the wheat for the bread, and the wool on the sheep's back? Oh, I wish we could see through every grain field, by every sheepfold, under the trees of every orchard, the King's wagons. They drive up three times a day—morning, noon and night. They bring furs from the Arctic, they bring fruits from the tropic, they bring bread from the temperate zone. The King looks out, and he says: "There are twelve hundred millions of people to be fed and clothed. So many pounds of meat, so many barrels of flour, so many yards of cloth and linen and flannel, so many hats, so many socks, so many shoes;" enough for all, save that we who are greedy get more shoes than belong to us, and others go barefooted. None but a God could feed and clothe the world. None but a king's corn crib could appease the world's famine. None but a king could tell how many wagons to send, and how heavily to load them, and when they are to start. They are coming over the frozen ground today. Do you not hear their rumbling? They will stop at noon at your table. Oh, if for a little while they should cease, hunger would come into the nations, as to Utica when Hamilcar besieged it, and as in Jerusalem when Vespasian surrounded it; and the nations would be hollow eyed and fall upon each other in universal cannibalism; and skeleton would drop upon skeleton; and there would be no one to bury the dead; and the earth would be a field of bleached skeletons; and the birds of prey would fall dead, flock after flock, without any carcasses to devour; and the earth in silence would wheel around, one great black hearse! All life stopped because the King's wagons are stopped. Oh, thank God for bread—for bread!

JACOB HEARS GOOD NEWS.

I remark again, that like those that came from the Egyptian palace, the King's wagons bring us good news. Jacob had not heard from his boy for a great many years. He never thought of him but with a heartache. There was in Jacob's heart a room where lay the corpse of his unburied Joseph; and when the wagons came, the king's wagons, and told him that Joseph was yet alive, he faints dead away. Good news for Jacob! Good news for us! The King's wagons come down and tell us that our Joseph-Jesus is yet alive; that he has forgiven us because we threw him into the pit of suffering and the dungeon of shame. He has risen from thence to stand in a palace. The Bethlehem shepherds were awakened at midnight by the rattling of the wagons that brought the tidings. Our Joseph-Jesus sends us a message of pardon, of life, of heaven; corn for our hunger, raiment for our nakedness. Joseph-Jesus is still alive.

I go to hunt up Jesus. I go to the village of Bethany, and say: "Where does Mary live?" They say: "Yonder Mary lives." I go in. I see where she sat in the sitting room. I go out where Martha worked in the kitchen, but I find no Jesus. I go into Pilate's court room, and I find the judges and the police and the prisoner's box, but no Jesus. I go into the Arimathean cemetery; but the door is gone, and the shroud is gone, and Jesus is gone. By faith I look up to the King's palace, and behold I have found him! Joseph-Jesus is still alive! Glorious religion, a religion made not out of death's heads, and cross bones, and undertaker's screw driver, but one bounding with life, and sympathy, and gladness. Joseph is yet alive!

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living Head!

He lives to grant me daily breath,
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare,
He lives to bring me safely there
He lives—all glory to his name;
He lives, my Jesus still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

The King's wagons will after a while unload, and they will turn around and they will go back to the palace, and I really think that you and I will go with them. The King will not leave us in this famine struck world. The King has ordered that we be lifted into the wagons, and that we go over into Goshen, where there shall be pasturage for our largest flock of joy, and then we will drive up to the palace, where there are glories awaiting us which will melt all the snow of Egyptian marble into forgetfulness.

WE WILL SEE OUR FRIENDS AGAIN.

I think that the King's wagons will take us up to see our lost friends. Jacob's chief anticipation was not seeing the Nile, nor of seeing the long colonnades of architectural beauty, nor of seeing the throne room. There was a focus to all his journeyings, to all his anticipations, and that was Joseph. Well, my friends, I do not think heaven would be worth much if our brother Jesus was not there. If there were two heavens, the one with all the pomp and paraphernalia of an eternal monarchy, but no Christ, and the other were a plain heaven, humbly thatched, with a few daisies in the yard, and Christ were there, I would say, "Let the King's wagons take me up to the old farm house."

If Jesus were not in heaven, there would be no music there; there would be but few people there; they would be off looking for the lost Christ, crying through the universe: "Where is Jesus? where is Jesus?" and after they had found him, with loving violence they would take him and bear him through the gates; and it would be the greatest day known in heaven within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Jesus never went off from heaven but once, and he was so badly treated on that excursion they will never let him go again.

Oh, the joy of meeting our brother, Joseph-Jesus! After we have talked about him for ten, or fifty, or seventy years, to talk with him, and to clasp hands with the hero of the ages; not crouching as underlings in his presence, but as Jacob and Joseph, hug each other. We will want some new term by which to address him. On earth we call him Saviour, or redeemer, or friend; but when we throw our arms around him in everlasting embrace, we will want some new name of endearment. I can think of what we shall do through the long ages of eternity, but what we shall do the first minute I cannot guess. In the first flash of his countenance, in the first rush of our emotions, what we shall do I cannot imagine. Oh, the overwhelming glory of the first sixty seconds in heaven! Methinks we will just stand, and look and look and look.

The king's wagons took Jacob up to see his lost boy, and so I really think that the King's wagon's will take us up to see our lost kindred. How long is it since Joseph went out of your household? How many years is it now last Christmas, or the 14th of next month? It was a dark night when he died, and a stormy day it was at the burial; and the clouds wept with you, and the winds moaned for the dead. The bell at Greenwood's gate rang only a few moments, but your heart has been tolling, tolling, ever since. You have been under a delusion, like Jacob of old. You have thought that Joseph was dead. You put his name first in the birth record of the family Bible, and then you put it in the death record of the family Bible, and you have been deceived. Joseph is yet alive. He is more alive than you are. Of all the sixteen thousand millions of children that statisticians say have gone into the future world, there is not one of them dead, and the King's wagons will take you up to see them. You often think how glad you will be to see them. Have you never thought, my brother, my sister, how glad they will be to see you? Jacob was no more glad to see Joseph than Joseph was to see Jacob. Every time the door in heaven opens, they look to see if it is you coming in. Joseph, once standing in the palace, burst out crying when he thought of Jacob—afar off. And the heaven of your little ones will not be fairly begun until you get there. All the kindnesses shown them by immortals will not make them forget you. There they are, the radiant throngs that went out from your homes! I throw a kiss to the sweet darlings. They are all well now in the palace. The crippled child has a sound foot now. A little lame child says: "Ma, will I be lame in heaven?" "No, my darling, you won't be lame in heaven." A little sick child says: "Ma, will I be sick in heaven?" "No, my dear, you won't be sick in heaven." A little blind child says: "Ma, will I be blind in heaven?" "No, my dear, you won't be blind in heaven!" They are all well there.

In my boyhood, for some time we lived three miles from church, and on stormy days the children staid at home, but father and mother always went to church; that was a habit they had. On those stormy Sabbaths when we staid at home, the absence of our parents seemed very much protracted; for the roads were very bad, and they could not get on very fast. So we would go to the window at 12 o'clock to see if they were coming, and then we would go at half-past 12 to see if they were coming, and at a quarter to 1 and then at 1 o'clock. After a while, Mary, or David, or De Witt would shout: "The wagon's coming!" and then we would see it winding out of the woods, and over the brook, and through the lane, and up in front of the old farmhouse; and then we would rush out, leaving the doors wide open, with many things to tell them, asking them many questions. Well, my dear brethren, I think we are many of us in the King's wagons, and we are on the way home. The road is very bad, and we get on slowly; but after a while we will come winding out of the woods, and through the brook of death, and up in front of the old heavenly homestead; and our departed kindred, who have been waiting and watching for us, will rush out through the doors and over the lawn, crying: "The wagons are coming! the King's wagons are coming!" Hark! the bell of the city hall strikes twelve. Twelve o'clock on earth, and likewise it is high noon in heaven.

Does not the subject of today take the gloom out of the thoughts that would otherwise be struck through with midnight? We used to think that when we died we would have to go afoot, sagging down in the mire, and the hounds of terror might get after us, and if we got through into heaven at all we would come in torn, and wounded, and bleeding. I remember when my teeth chattered and my knees knocked together when I heard anybody talk about death; but I have come to think that the grave will be the softest bed I ever slept in, and the bottom of my feet will not be wet with the passage of the Jordan. "Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

I was reading of Robert Southey, who said he wished he could die far away from his friends—like a dog, crawling into a corner and dying unobserved. Those were his words. Be it ours to die on a couch surrounded by loved ones, so that they with us may hear the glad, sweet, jubilant announcement: "The King's wagons are coming." Hark! I hear them now. Are they coming for you or me?

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CITY AND PROVINCE.

—Masonic Aprons for Blue Lodges, at BROWN & WHITE.

—Wedding stationery, a beautiful assortment at Waitt & Co.'s *

—The St. Louis College was closed yesterday for the holidays.

—The Japanese troupe of acrobats left for San Francisco this afternoon.

—*Once used Always used. John Boyd's Old Scotch Whiskies.*

—New Ulsters and Russian Circulars. Just received by BROWN & WHITE. *

—Yesterday was the shortest day of the year and coal remains at $10 a ton.

—Cash and deed boxes with Yale lock, extra good quality, at Waitt & Co.'s *

—For ladies' and gentlemen's purses and traveling bags go to M. W. Waitt & Co.'s *

—W. Denny is spoken of as a candidate for municipal honors in Johnson street ward.

—A football match was played to-day at Duncan's between the Rangers and Excelsior's.

—John Teague, the Yates street druggist, laid two beautiful calendars on our table this morning.

—The Salvation Army barracks at New Westminster were robbed on Wednesday night by sneak thieves.

—Capt. Harris and a corps of Salvationists will assault the forts of sin in this city on New Year's Day.

—The highwayman's command to stand and deliver is a thing of nightly occurrence in Seattle just now.

—Fresh Oysters at the New England Bakery. Delivered to all parts of the city. Telephone No. 161. *

—All persons having claims against the corporation are called on to present them before the 31st instant.

Geo. Byrnes, auctioneer, disposed of the furniture and effects of the late G. A. Dearden this morning at public auction.

—Midnight mass will be held at the R. C. pro-Cathedral on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day the usual services will be held.

—Steamer Cariboo Fly, from Skeena river, left Departure bay at 2 p. m. today and will arrive in this city to-morrow morning.

—The ship Commodore arrived in Seattle from San Francisco in the remarkably short time of three and one-half days.

—The Choral Society will not meet for rehearsal again until Wednesday evening, January 2d, 1889, when a full attendance is requested.

—See John Weiler's Christmas advertisement in another column. He has a large stock of new and seasonable goods just opened for inspection.

—Edward Hodges left for the Sound this morning. He was standing on the deck of the steamer and bid good-bye to a number of persons on the wharf.

—New Wool Hoods and Shawls, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Waterproofs and Furs, suitable for the present season. BROWN & WHITE. *

—Edward Williams, an elderly gentleman in the employ of the corporation, slipped on the sidewalk a few days ago and seriously injured his shoulder.

—The Monarch mine at Field, up to Friday night, had shipped 325 tons of ore to the company's smelter at Vancouver. Thirty men are employed at the mine.

—G. O. Mesher was the contractor for the new Bank of British Columbia at Nanaimo. Messrs. McLellan & McFeeley held the contract for the galvanized iron work.

—If you want good and useful articles for Christmas presents call on JOHN WEILER, Fort street, where you will find the largest stock ever exhibited in Victoria. *

—Hon. Mr. Justice McCreight yesterday sentenced H. M. Cooper to four years in the penitentiary for attempting to murder Busetow and Dunton at New Westminster.

—Attention is directed to the advertisement of Evans & Son, the pork merchants. The genna hog is prepared by this firm in a great variety of styles and of superior excellence.

—The ship Kenebec made a remarkable quick run from San Francisco to Nanaimo, having made the voyage in five days and twenty hours. Ships generally take from two to three weeks.

—Miss Maggie Gibson, of Nanaimo, is the proud possessor of the medal given Governor-General to the pupil making the highest number of marks in the schools of Nanaimo and New Westminster.

—The embalmed body of the late Geo. Taylor will be forwarded by Undertaker Storey to Wyoming, Ont., on Tuesday morning. Mr. Taylor junior has arrived in the city to make the necessary arrangements.

—Colonel Woodford delivered his farewell temperance lecture in the Pandora Street Methodist Church last evening, and left on the San Francisco steamer today. He leaves many warm friends in this city.

—A neat little memorandum and diary combined is being distributed by the Standard Assurance Company among it's patrons as it has done for several years. Messrs. R. Ward & Co. are agents for the "old reliable" in this city.

—Five youths, between fifteen and seventeen years of age, were seen reeling through the streets of Victoria on Tuesday evening, in a beastly state of intoxication. This is by no means an uncommon thing in this city, notwithstanding the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to minors.—*Nanaimo Courier.*

—Mr. O. D. Sweet, clerk of the Richmond municipal council, informs us that he has received word from W. S. Gore, surveyor general for the province, stating that detailed specifications were being prepared for the two bridges across the North Arm, and that tenders would be called for soon for the construction of the work.—*Columbian.*

New Autumn Dress Fabrics.

A complete line in single and double width goods just received at the City House. *

"Victoria For Instance."

Winnipeg *Call:* Winnipeggers need not object to the price they pay for coal, when they find that Victorians, less than a hundred miles from the coalfields, are taxed $10 per ton.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 75 cent bottles by all leading druggists. dec20-1m

Snow Ploughing.

A rotary snow plough tested at Glacier, on the C. P. R. last week, ran through a long cut that had been shoveled full of snow and did its work splendid. Six miles an hour was found to be the proper speed at which rate the snow was thrown over the telegraph wires to a distance of 100 feet.

Connubial Bliss.

The nuptial ceremony of Mr. Malcolm McDermott, Metchosin, and Mrs. Fraser, well-known as the teacher for many years of a private school at James Bay, will take place at the bride's residence, Metchosin, this evening. The Rev. D. McRae will perform the ceremony. THE TIMES extends congratulations.

Outgoing Passengers.

The Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock this afternoon with the following passengers: Col Geo Woodford, W C Hudson-Heaven, E Marvin jr, W H Dorman, J R Mitchell, R L Pippey, Geo D Graham, F Gregg, Miss Gregg, C P Smith, J C Blackett and thirteen in the steerage.

Kootenay Ore.

Assays made from 11 samples sent from Golden ranged from 25 to 77 per cent. in lead, and carried from $5.10 to $59.79 in silver to the ton; while one sample of grey copper gave 46 per cent. of copper, and $160.41 in silver and $45.25 in gold to the ton. Four samples of Illecillewaet ore ranged from $16.04 to $597.91 in silver and a trace to $2.11 in gold to the ton. Ore from the Columbia lakes country gave returns of 32 to 75 per cent. lead, and carried from $29.17 to $43.75 in silver and $1.50 in gold to the ton.—*Donald Truth.*

Mild Winter Predicted.

William Baker, the oldest continuous inhabitant of the Donald section of the Kootenay district, predicts a mild winter says *Truth.* Mr. Baker bases his prediction on the indisputable fact that the weasel, a little animal belonging to the family mustelidæ, has not yet changed its brown coat for a white one, its usual habit in this far northern fur country. Two and a half feet of snow has fallen at Donald this year and 12 feet at the summit crossing of the Selkirks against 9 feet last year.

Looking at Our Timber.

A party of eastern capitalists, viz., W. A. Humbird, John E. Glover, E. J. Palmer and W. H. Phipps, of Wisconsin; W. F. McKay, Mount Vernon, W. T.; W. J. Macauley, Victoria; and Mr. Peabody, left on this morning's train for Nanaimo and the north. They will return in three or four days. It is an open secret that these gentlemen, who represent several millions, are looking into the lumber resources of the island with the view of investing. They are all experienced lumbermen, and if they should acquire any timber lands in the province they would be pretty certain to begin manufacture almost immediately.

Another Footpad.

Last evening just at dusk, before the electric lights had cast their illuminating rays over the city, a solitary pedestrian walked the streets. It was on Jackson street, about half-way out to Lake Washington. As the man, a painter, was returning to his home, suddenly there appeared before him a man, who had been concealed under a bridge, and in an instant the unsuspecting citizen was held at bay with the cold glaze of a deadly pistol shinning full in his face. The footpad got 25 cents, much to the satisfaction of the man who was robbed and to the disgust of the robber. The man having his face concealed by a mask could not be identified.—*Seattle Press.*

Gardening for Ladies.

Make up your *bed* early in the morning; *sew* buttons on your husband's shirt; do not *rake* up grievances; protect the *young and tender branches* of your family; plant smiles of good temper and *reap* a crop of health and happiness; *root* out the causes of nervous debility and "female weakness," by the use of Dr. Price's Favorite Prescription. It is a sovereign specific, and thousands of the fair sex bless the day they first heard of it. It is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee,* from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

To cleanse the stomach, liver, and system generally, use Dr. Pierce's Pellets. *

Omissions.

The well known firm of W. Wilson & Co., of the City House, was inadvertently omitted from the list of dry goods emporiums the other day. Messrs Wilson & Co., have on hand an unusually large stock of Christmas goods to meet the ever increasing demands of this growing city. Many appropriate articles suitable for presents can here be purchased in the way of furs, toilet articles, handsome toilet sets in plush and leather. Their stock is well worthy of an inspection before purchasing.

The Golden Rule Clothing House on Yates street, although last in the list is by no means the least. Mr. Reid, the genial manager, is always pleased to show his extensive stock of gents furnishing goods to customers. A large assortment of ready-made clothing, fine overcoats, hats, neck wear, cuff buttons of unique designs, etc., is constantly kept on hand, also a great variety of trunks and travelling cases of all styles. In connection with the establishment is a first-class tailoring department where clothing is made to order on the shortest possible notice.

Y. M. I. ENTERTAINMENT.

Splendid Programme Presented Last Evening at Philharmonic Hall.

The concert and dramatic entertainment given last evening in Philharmonic Hall by the Young Men's Institute, No. 85, was a grand success, the large hall being crowded to the doors. The first part of the evening was devoted to a concert, the first on the programme being a selection by C Battery band under the leadership of bandmaster Agius. A solo by Mr. S. W. Gray was rendered in that gentleman's usual excellent manner. A negro dialogue between Messrs. Brock and Hurley kept the audience in roars of laughter as long as they were on the stage. A song and dance by Master Eddy Dillon was executed in admirable style. Mr. F. H. Lang's solo was rendered in an excellent manner. The banjo and harmonica duet by H. McDowell and W. Short received the hearty *encore* which it deserved. Miss Hyams favored the audience with one of her excellent recitations, "Ostler Joe," which was delivered in that young lady's usual pleasing style. A coronet solo was next given by Sergt. Proctor which was perfect and brought forth his musical talent to advantage. Patrick Murphy of C Battery made the hit of the evening in his comic Irish songs, being applauded to the echo.

HANDY ANDY.

The second part of the programme was devoted to a reproduction of W. R. Floyd's comic Irish drama, in two acts, entitled Handy Andy. The leading *roles* of Handy Andy and Mad Nance were taken by Staff Sergt. Mellon and Mrs. E. Hewlett respectively. The former character, which is a very difficult one, was han lled in an excellent manner by Mr. Mellon whose idea of the character was well conceived and admirably rendered. Mrs. Hewlett sustained her character with the utmost *sang froid,* appearing perfectly at home before her large audience and executing her parts with the ease of a professional. The young amateur appeared particularly good in the second act in her soliloquy about her lost son, Handy Andy, who eventually turns out to be a duke by the recovery of certain papers stolen by Squire O'Grady, who was well represented by Thos. Deasy. Miss E. E. Deasy and Miss Jennie Herd well sustained the characters of Fanny Dawson, the affianced of Edward O'Connor, and Oonah Rooney Handy Andy's intended bride. Squire Egan was well represented by Mr. F. H. Lang. W. McIntyre as Edward O'Connor fully sustained his part. Staff Sergt. Hewlett as Mr. Murphy played his part in an excellent manner. Mr. E. C. Smith as Furlong O'Grady's clerk, acted his part to perfection. W. Deasy as Dick Dawson, J. Ahern as Simon, and T. Hodges and T. Rourke as footpads all carried out their parts in an excellent manner. Prof. Sharpe presided at the piano in his usual admirable style. The entertainment was a success throughout.

THE MEAT MARKETS.

The Usual Christmas Displays Made by City Butchers.

The epicurean and all those who love a well-done roast, a fricasseed chicken or anything in the way of meat will be fully repaid by a visit to any of the numerous meat markets in the city, where a sight will be presented which is not to be seen except at Christmastide. Beeves by the whole, halves and quarters are dressed in an artistic and at the same time in an appetizing manner.

VAN VOLKENBURGH BROS.,

corner of Government and Yates street, while not making any particular Christmas display have on hand one of the largest stocks of beeves, mutton, lamb, suckling pigs, chicken, turkey, geese, wild fowl and everything else in their line that is anywhere to be found in the city. The firm was unable to make any elaborate fancy decorations on account of the immense quantities of fresh meats they are shipping outside the city. Besides supplying a large quantity to Wellington and Nanaimo they have been suddenly called upon to supply the steamers Idaho and Ancon bound for Alaska, which, with their large city trade, has taxed them to the utmost. Their market contains a large quantity of fine meats which when served on Christmas day will undoubtedly prove most appetizing. A particularly creditable showing is made of turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens and fowls, not to mention the immense halves and quarters of beeves that are on every hand, Christmas purchasers can here be supplied with anything and everything in the way of meats. Give them a call.

THE QUEEN'S MARKET,

of which L. Goodacre is proprietor, is situated at the corner of Government and and Johnson street, has a most elaborate display of meats which are handsomely trimmed and decorated with holly, ivy and evergreens. Here can be purchased a nice fat goose or turkey for the Christmas table. A special feature of Mr. Goodacre's display is an immense black bear, which weighs between 500 and 600 pounds. Bruin presents a very pleasing appearance, being trimmed with gaily colored tinsel rosettes and evergreens. He is well worthy a visit.

J. PARKER & SON

have their market, situated at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, well stocked, the premises being hung from floor to ceiling with all kinds of meat, a whole beef in the centre of the market presenting a particularly pleasing appearance, tastefully decorated as it is with colored rosettes, ivy, holly, etc. They also have on hand a large stock of fine Christmas turkeys, geese and fowl of all kinds.

R. PORTER

has also on hand an excellent supply of Christmas meats, game and fowl, which are having a ready sale at his market on Johnson street.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

Victoria West and Esquimalt—Close of the High School.

The interest shown in the closing proceedings of the High School yesterday was equal, if not greater, than in proceeding years. The number of visitors present was unusually large while there was a full attendance of pupils. An oral examination open to the public having taken place in the morning. The afternoon was devoted to the presentation of prizes, speech making by visitors, etc. The most interesting part of the proceedings, however, was the reading of two High School journals, one edited by the girls and the other by the boys attending the institution. These in their way were literary gems. The style of writing was clear and neat, and the wording good, in fact, the whole composition of the articles showed a great deal of literary taste and finish. The Governor-General's medal, won by Master Gibbs, for general proficency at the June examinations was presented by the Hon. J. H. Turner who took the occasion to make a somewhat lengthy speech. The effort was a very fair one. This medal, as in the case of those for the girls and boys' departments of the Central School, did not arrive until late in the year, the delay being due to the change occuring in the vice-regal office. A prize was also presented to Miss J. Mehins as head of the school. The results of the superintendent's examination were read by Mr. J. P. McLeod, principal, which showed that excellent advancement had been made during the term. The marks as published in yesterday's issue of THE TIMES indicated an excellent average in the senior division. After the school had sung a number of pieces very nicely under the leadership of Mr. Offerhaus, Inspector Wilson, Trustees Wolfenden, Beisterman and Erskine, and the clergymen addressed the assemblage. The University question was taken up vigorously by Trustee Heisterman and some of the other speakers, the former proposing that the government or city should take steps in the matter immediately. During the afternoon the following address accompanied by a new dressing case, was presented to Miss Crockford, Miss Tite and Master Finlayson making the presentation:

MISS MARY HARRIET CROCKFORD:

"We, your teachers and school-fellows, meet you to-day to say good-bye. We are indeed sorry that you must leave us, that this is your last day within these familiar walls. We know that often in the days that are coming, we will miss your cheerful tones, your bright sunny smile. Yet knowing all this, we would not keep you back. In whatever corner of the world it pleases Providence to call you, we feel confident that you will do your duty in the same earnest and conscientious manner which has characterized your life here, and which will make us ever anxious to claim you as one of us. Please accept at our hands the accompanying token of affection and good will. Whenever, in your new home, your eyes may rest upon it, waft a kindly thought backward to those who remain in the dear old school."

ESQUIMALT SCHOOL.

The Esquimalt public school was closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, the exercises taking place under the superintendence of Mr. D. Jones, the teacher, who examined them in the several branches of study. The pupils proved by their correct answer to all queries that they had been carefully tutored by their teacher. Esther Pierce won a handsome plush toilet set for proficiency in spelling, which was presented by Mr. D. W. Higgins. A similar set was also won by Master Charlie Phillips, for the highest standing in arithmetic. A spelling match in the third class resulted in a tie between Annie Doran and David Isbister, who each received a handsome book from their teacher. Recitations were given by Charlie Phillips, Richard Keeler and Miss Emily Young.

The prizes were distributed by Trustee Doran with a few appropriate remarks. Among those present were Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Isbister, Miss Muir and Trustee J. Doran.

VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL

was also closed yesterday, the public exercises being conducted by Mr. Thomas Nicholson, the teacher, and Miss Withrow, monitress. The scholars were examined in the various branches of study and showed great proficiency, reflecting much credit upon their efficient teachers.

A few remarks were made by Mr. D. W. Higgins, Mr. J. Bossel, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Nicholson after which the prizes were distributed, the following being the victorious competitors.

Physiology—Presented by Mr. Pooley. Won by Frank Nicholson.

Geography—Presented by Mr. Higgins, Frank Nicholson.

Spelling—Prizes were won by Miss Oldershaw, W. Dodd, Miss C. Holly, Miss M. McLean, Miss L. Veitch and Miss A. Nicholson.

Reading—Isabel Gaudin.

Grammar—F. Campbell.

Second Primer—Arthur Patten, Lily Russell and Amy McKenzie.

Mr. J. R. McKenzie, chairman of the School Board, then distributed the prizes.

From the North.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from Skeena River this afternoon. Judge S. Y. Wooten was a passenger. A half-breed woman named Fanny Evans was brought down in charge of a constable. She was committed for trial on a charge of bigamy. The woman was married to an Indian and left him, afterwards, it is alleged, marrying a white man named Butterworth. Stormy weather was encountered during the down trip.

Excursion.

The new and elegant steamer Islander will leave for Vancouver at 7 o'clock a.m., on Sunday the 30th inst., with an excursion party. The steamer will leave Vancouver at 3 p. m. on the return trip. On account of the low fare and the opportunity given everyone to take a trip to the growing city on the mainland the steamer will be crowded with excursionists. The fare has been reduced to $2 and a pleasant trip up the Straits will be enjoyed by the excursionists.

Church Notices.

REFORMED CHURCH—The usual services on Sunday, also a Christmas service at 11 a. m. Ministers, Right Rev. Bishop Cridge and the Rev. Dr. Reid.

CATHEDRAL—The choir will sing the following old English carols to-morrow evening at the service, 7:30 o'clock: "Carol Carol Christmas," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "The Three Kings of the Orient," "Good King Wenceslas," "Christ was Born on Christmas Day."

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. J. E. Starr will conduct divine service in the Pandora Street Methodist Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning. At the conclusion of the service a reception will be held at which a number of new members will be received in the church.

Lange & Co.'s Guessing Match.

Four valuable prizes, consisting of two Gold Watches, one Silver Tea Set and Tray and one Diamond Ring will be given away. For every $5 in cash invested in a purchase in our store from this date to the 1st January, 1889, the purchaser will be entitled to one chance in the above guessing match. We have made the mistake in overstocking ourselves this season in every branch in the jewelry line, fine goods particularly, and have chosen this method to turn them into cash regardless of profits, giving our customers the above advantage in return. Notice of the distribution of the above prizes will be given. *

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JNO. IRVING,
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LOST.

LOST—Last night an Irish setter bitch, on Cook street near Park. Lost with collar and chain; answers to the name of "Kate." A suitable reward will be paid if returned to W. H. Adams, 36 Kings Road. dec21tw

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING claims against the Corporation are requested to present them on or before the 31st instant. If not so presented, they will have to stand over until February, 1889.

Printed Vouchers may be obtained on application at the City Hall.

S. DUCK,
dec22 Treasurer.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Second Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the Company's office, 62 Wharf street, on Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 3 p. m., when the Annual Report of the Company will be presented. Members of the Company are requested to attend.

M. H. COWAN,
dec22 1m Manager.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 1,600 acres of land in Rupert District, described as follows:

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